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(57) Abstract: This invention provides compositions including a chimera of papillomavirus capsid polypeptide L2 and poloppeptide including an immunotherapeutic epitope, and GST fusions thereof. The present invention also provides complexes comprising chimeras of papillomavirus L2 polypeptides non-covalently associated with papillomavirus L1 polypeptides, and GST fusions thereof. These compositions may be used to elicit immune responses in apatient to papillomavirus. Therapeutic and prophylactic vaccines for the prevention and treatment of viral infection, especially papillomavirus infectiona nd cervical cancers and warts associated therewith, made from compositions of this invention, are also disclosed. Nucleic acids and expression vectors coding for compositions of this invention are also disclosed.

